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***Amendment***

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To: House Bill No. 5018

File No. 264

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEWS OF HEALTH INSURANCE  
BENEFITS MANDATED IN THIS STATE."***

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- 1 In line 44, after "year," insert "a chairperson or ranking member of"
- 2 In line 46, strike "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof
- 3 In line 47, strike "said committee" and insert "such chairperson or
- 4 ranking member" in lieu thereof
- 5 In line 51, after "section." insert the following: "Each such report
- 6 shall include a statement from the commissioner whether, in the
- 7 opinion of the commissioner, based upon the findings of such report,
- 8 the overall negative social and financial impact of the mandated health
- 9 benefit under review outweighs the overall positive social and
- 10 financial impact of such benefit."
- 11 After line 134, insert the following:

12       "(e) (1) Pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, if, in the opinion of  
13       the commissioner, the overall negative social and financial impact of  
14       an existing mandated health benefit under review outweighs the  
15       overall positive social and financial impact of such benefit, the  
16       commissioner shall file such opinion and report with the clerks of the  
17       House of Representatives and the Senate not later than ten days after  
18       such report is submitted in accordance with subsection (c) of this  
19       section. Such existing mandated health benefit that is the subject of  
20       such opinion shall be terminated for all individual and group health  
21       insurance policies or plans delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,  
22       amended or continued on or after July first following the  
23       commissioner's submission of such opinion and report, unless the  
24       General Assembly rejects such opinion as a whole by a majority vote of  
25       both houses. The opinion and the termination of such existing  
26       mandated health benefit shall be deemed approved if the General  
27       Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject such opinion during the  
28       regular session of the General Assembly immediately succeeding the  
29       submission of such opinion and report.

30       (2) The commissioner shall provide notification of the termination of  
31       any existing mandated health benefits to the entities set forth in and in  
32       accordance with section 38a-477a of the general statutes."

33       In line 135, before "The" insert "(a)"

34       In line 141, after "2010." insert the following: "Such report shall  
35       include a statement from the commissioner whether, in the opinion of  
36       the commissioner, based upon the findings of such report, the overall  
37       negative social and financial impact of each mandated health benefit  
38       under review outweighs the overall positive social and financial  
39       impact of such benefit.

40       (b) (1) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, if, in the opinion of  
41       the commissioner, the overall negative social and financial impact of  
42       an existing mandated health benefit under review outweighs the  
43       overall positive social and financial impact of such benefit, the

44 commissioner shall file such opinion and report with the clerks of the  
45 House of Representatives and the Senate not later than ten days after  
46 such report is submitted in accordance with subsection (a) of this  
47 section. Such existing mandated health benefit that is the subject of  
48 such opinion shall be terminated for all individual and group health  
49 insurance policies or plans delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,  
50 amended or continued on or after July 1, 2010, unless the General  
51 Assembly rejects such opinion as a whole by a majority vote of both  
52 houses. The opinion and the termination of such existing mandated  
53 health benefit shall be deemed approved if the General Assembly fails  
54 to vote to approve or reject such opinion during the regular session of  
55 the General Assembly immediately succeeding the submission of such  
56 opinion and report.

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58 any existing mandated health benefits to the entities set forth in and in  
59 accordance with section 38a-477a of the general statutes."